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FM AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

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INFO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS BY US MISSIONS OVERSEAS WITH  
REPRESENTATIVES OF ALLIANCE NATIONS

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1. FOR SEVERAL YEARS AT LEAST THERE HAVE BEEN NO REGULAR MEETINGS OF NATO AMBASSADORS IN BELGRADE, AND FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS WE HAVE NOT BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT GETTING THEM UNDERWAY. WE WOULD HAVE MUCH THE SAME PROBLEMS AS EMBASSY MOSCOW. ONLY LARGE SECURE SPACE IN BELGRADE WHERE MEANINGFUL MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD IS THE US EMBASSY, WHICH WOULD MAKE THEM SOMEWHAT LESS THAN DISCREET. TO START REGULAR MEETINGS HERE OF ALL NATO AMBASSADORS AT THIS JUNCTURE WOULD AROUSE THE CURIOSITY

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OF THE YUGOSLAVS, TO SAY THE LEAST.

2. QUALITY OF NATO REPRESENTATION HERE IS VERY UNEVEN AND MEETING S WOULD PROBABLY BE LONG BUT WITH RELATIVELY LITTLE WORTHWHILE SUBSTANCE. CURRENT PRACTICE HERE OF DISCREET BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS AMONG KNOWLEDGEABLE ALLIANCE MEMBERS CONTINUES EFFECTIVE.

3. THUS, ON BALANCE, WHILE WE WOULD NOT BE ADVERSE TO CONVENING ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVES FOR SOME SPECIAL OCCASION (SUCH AS BRIEFING MENTIONED IN MOSCOW'S 1010), WE DO NOT SEE A FORMALIZING OF ALLIANCE CONSULTATION HERE AS PRODUCTIVE ENOUGH TO OFFSET THE DISADVANTAGES.  
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